



## COLORADO

### State Patrol

Department of Public Safety

Strategic Analysis & Business Research  
Central Records Unit  
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- sent via email -

Dear Mr. Roland;

The Colorado State Patrol (CSP) has received your Open Records request you submitted on August 6, 2019 in which you are seeking the following information:

*"All Reports, Police Reports, Incident Reports, Records, Communications, Memorandums, Lists, Intelligence Reports, Audio Files, Video Files, Digital Files or any other documents including or referencing Black Lives Matter."*

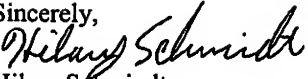
You have made your request for these records under the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA). The Colorado State Patrol has a policy governing its responses to CORA/CCJRA requests. Our policy allows for up to one hour of staff time to research, gather records and respond to a CORA request before fees are incurred to the requesting party. When producing records consumes more than one hour of staff time, the CSP shall charge \$30 an hour for all staff time associated with locating and producing records, and may charge an hourly rate greater than \$30 an hour when specialized document production or specialized skills are required to locate, compile or produce records. Such costs shall be paid in full before the production of records. For copying costs (as necessary if electronic versions are not available), CSP adheres to the fee schedule as defined in C.R.S. § 24-72-205(5)(a).

In accordance with our policy, our estimated cost for searching and reviewing the requested records will be an estimated cost of \$1,200.00-40 hrs. of work at \$30.00 per hour. We base our calculation on the fact that we will have to conduct a manual search and then determine whether the record is a public record as defined under section 24-72-202(6), C.R.S. Finally, as a criminal justice agency, CSP must ensure that it does not release criminal justice records as defined by section 24-72-302(4), C.R.S. if doing so would be contrary to the public interest pursuant to section 24-72-305(5). This necessarily entails a document by document review.

Pursuant to policy, CSP must receive payment from you before commencing its records review, in the amount of \$1,200.00. Should the research take fewer hours, we will only charge you for the time we spent.



I will wait to hear from you, please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
  
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